

REMARKS

The Claims have been amended so that each pending claim includes subject matter previously deemed “allowable subject matter.”

No changes were made to Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, and 15-22. Those claims remain in condition for allowance.

Claim 27 was previously deemed allowable if written in an independent claim format. The subject matter of Claim 27 was added in its totality to Claim 23. Claim 23 and all of the claims depending on Claim 23 (Claims 23, 24, 26, and 28) are thus in condition for allowance.

Claim 40 was previously deemed allowable if written in an independent claim format. The subject matter of Claim 40 as added in its totality to Claim 39. Claim 39 and all of the claims depending on Claim 39 (Claims 39, 42, 44, and 45) are thus in condition for allowance.

All pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

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